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Nova Scotia

Halifax 3rd August 1781

Secretary of State.

My Lord.

Arrival at Halifax; sworn into the Administration of the Province.

I arrived here on the 30th last Month, and on the Day following I was sworn into the Administration of the Government of this Province.

Journals of the last Sessions. Minutes of the Council and a List of the Members transmitted.

By this Opportunity are transmitted Copies of the Acts passed in the last Session of the general Assembly of this Province with the Journals of both Houses: Also the Minutes of the Proceedings of Council to the 30th June last. And a List of the Members of the Council with the Place of their present Residence: I have the Honor to be with the utmost Respect.

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most obedient & most humble Servt

A. S. Hamond

To The Rt. Honble Lord Geo: Germaine One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State &c &c &c

p the Vernon Transport sailed 7th Augt 1781

Admiral Graves.

Sir

10th September 1781

I have received by the Carysfort the Intelligence you have been pleased to send hither respecting the sailing of the French Squadron. I think it necessary to inform you Sir that although this Place is now rendered by its Fortifications extremely strong against an Attack from the Enemy, yet

A number of Seamen reckoned upon to work the Guns of the Garrison

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the Engineer has in planning the Defence always reckoned upon a Number of Seamen to work the Guns. There are in the several Batteries upwards of 150 Pieces of heavy Cannon mounted, and the Number of Artillery Men in the Garrison does not exceed 85 Men.

One hundred and fifty pieces of heavy Cannon mounted on the several Batteries - Only 85 Artillery Men.

As there are now in the Harbour more Prisoners than can be conveniently accommodated without having another Prison Ship, I shall send the Cartel which had been taken up by Sir Richard Hughes immediately to France with 100 Prisoners on board: in which will go the French Captain and Lieutenants of the Magicienne, whom I have exchanged for Captain Gayton and his two Lieutenants.

The Jeanie Cartel will sail directly for St Maloes.

I have the Honor to be &c

A. S. Hamond

To
Rear Admiral Graves
Commander in chief of His Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed in North America

If the Carry's fort Captn. Peacock sailed 11 Septr 1780.

Jeanie Cartel

By Sir Andrew Snape Hamond Knt. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Nova Scotia &c. &c.

Commission and Instructions for her.

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting

I do testify and make know that I have dispatched authorized and empowered, Mr James Ker, Master of the

Brigantine

Brigantine called the Jeanie of the Burthen of One Hundred and fifteen Tons or thereabouts, to transport in the said Brigantine One Hundred French Prisoners of War (their Names hereunto annexed) to the Port of Saint Malos in France, there to receive in exchange an equal Number of English Prisoners, and proceed with them to the first Port he can make in England. I do therefore hereby require you, and every of you, wheresoever the said Master shall arrive with his said Brigantine that you would receive and admit him to enter into, to remain and pass from, your Ports, Rivers and Harbours without any let or Molestation whatsoever, as also all Vessels or Ships of War

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the 17th Day of September 1781.

By His Excellency's Command

H. Turnbull

A. S. Hammond

Olive Cartel

By &c.

To all whom these Presents shall come

Greeting

Commission & Instructions for her.

I do testify and make known that I have dispatched authorized and empowered Mr John Barker Master of the Sloop called the Olive: of the Burthen of Fifty two Tons or thereabouts to transport in the said Sloop One Hundred French Prisoners

of

of war / their Names hereunto annexed / to the Port of Boston in New England, there to receive an equal Number of English Prisoners, and proceed with them to the Port of Halifax in Nova Scotia: I do therefore hereby require you and every of you, wheresoever the said Master shall arrive with his said Sloop, that you would receive and admit him to enter into remain, and pass from your Ports, Rivers and Harbours without any Let or Molestation whatsoever, as also all Vessels and Ships of war.

In Testimony &c. 22 Septr 1781.

By His Excellency's Command. H. Turnbull

A. S. Hamond

Instructions for Mr. John Barker Master of the Cartel Sloop Olive

1st. Upon your Arrival at Boston, you are to make report thereof to Monsr. La Peruse Captain of the French King's Frigate L'Astrea or the commanding Officer of such of His most christian Majesty's Ships as may at that time be in the said Port. You are to receive his directions for delivering your Prisoners, and apply for an equal Number of English Prisoners in exchange, with whom you are to return to this Port as expeditiously as possible.

2nd. But in case you find no english Prisoners at Boston

for

for exchange, you are after having obtained a certificate thereof, and of the Number of Prisoners you have delivered or landed to repair to Rhode Island, and make application to the commanding French naval Officer there for an exchange.

Given &c 22 September 1781

A. S. Hamond

Lewis La Cour.

Permission to teach foreign Languages in Halifax.

These are to certify that Mr. Lewis La Cour has my permission to settle in Halifax, and to follow his Profession of Teacher of Foreign Languages

Dated &c 20th September 1781

A. S. Hamond

Observer Cartel.

Commission for the Observer Schooner Cartel Mr. Samuel Goddard Master of 70 Tons with 100 American Prisoners for the Port of Boston ----- In Testimony &c 27th October 1781

A. S. Hamond

Commission and Instructions for her.

Instructions for Mr. Samuel Goddard, Master of the Observer Schooner Cartel.

1st ----- You are to hoist a white Flag at your Fore Topmast Head and continue it flying Night and Day, untill your return to this Port.

2nd --- You are to be careful that no Cannon Firearms, or other Ordnance Stores of any kind be received on board the said Vessel.

3rd --- You are to apply to the Commissary for Naval Prisoners

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at this Port, for the Prisoners that are to be sent in your Vessel, who is to furnish you with an exact List of them, and their Rank; and inform you as to the mode to be observed in the exchange.

4th ---- Upon your Arrival at Boston you are to make report thereof to the Commissary for Prisoners, or other proper Officer, and receive his Directions for the delivery of your Prisoners.

5th ---- Should you find none or few English Prisoners at Boston, you are to touch at any of the other Ports in Boston Bay, where English Prisoners may be, and demand of the Commissary for Prisoners or other proper Officer at such Port the Liberation of the English Prisoners at that time in his Custody, and having received on board as many men as your Vessel can conveniently contain, or a Number equivalent to the Number of Men you now have on board, You are then to make the best of your way to this Port.

6th --- You are to demand of the Commissary or other Officer appointed to conduct the exchange of Prisoners, a List of such British Subjects as may be put on board your Vessel, certifying their Number and Rank, as also a receipt from the Commissary at Boston for the Ballance that may appear to be due agreeable to the Form herewith delivered to you, which receipt you are to produce to the Commissary for Prisoners or other proper Officer at any Port in Boston Bay you may have occasion to touch at, as a Proof of your

Claim

claim upon such Officer for the Liberation of the British Subjects who may be then in his Charge ....

Given &c 31st October 1781.

A. Hamond

Ann Cartel

Commission for the Ann Ship Cartel Mr. John Barker Master of 170 Tons Burthen with 100 French Prisoners for the Port of Boston —

Dated 27th October 1781 —

A. Hamond

Commission and Instructions for her.

Instructions for Mr. John Barker, Master of the Cartel Ship the Ann —

1st ---- You are to hoist a white Flag at your Fore Topmast head, and continue it flying, Day and Night until your return to this Port.

2nd --- You are to be careful that no Cannon Fire arms, or other Ordnance Stores of any kind be received on board the said Vessel.

3rd --- You are to apply to the Deputy Commissary for Naval Prisoners at this Port, for the Prisoners that are to be sent in your Vessel, who is to furnish you with an exact List of them, and their rank, and inform you as to the mode to be observed in the exchange

4th --- You are to proceed in company with the Observer Schooner to Boston and upon your arrival you are to make report thereof to Monsieur La Perouse, Captain of the French King's Frigate L'Astrea, or the Commanding Officer of such of His most christian Majesty's Ships, as may be at that time in the said Port, and receive his Directions for the delivery of your Prisoners.

5th

5th .... You are to make all the dispatch that the Nature of the Service will admit of, in returning to this Port with such British Subjects as you may receive in exchange, — demanding of the Commissary or other Officer appointed to conduct the exchange of Prisoners, a certificate of their Number and Rank. You are likewise to demand a Receipt for the Prisoners that may appear to be due to this Port, at your Departure from Boston, agreeable to the Form — hitherto in practice, a Copy of which is herewith delivered to you.

6th — You are to receive on board the said Vessel 35 Rebel Prisoners, to be landed at Boston, and you are to deliver a certified Copy of the Parole signed by them to the Commissary for Prisoners or other proper Officer

Given &c 2d November 1781.

A. S. Hamond

Additional Instruction

In case there should not be a sufficient Number of English Prisoners at Boston, and the Commanding Officer of His most christian Majesty's Ships there, shall think proper to authorize you to proceed to any other Port in America for the purpose of receiving the Balance of Prisoners due to the British Fleet, you are to obey his Orders, and proceed accordingly as he shall direct.

A. H.

2nd November 1781

La Perouse
Capitaine de Vaisseau at Boston

Sir

In order to prevent the distress that the Prisoners must fell if left longer in this severe climate, so badly cloathed as they are, I have directed the Commissary to charter the Ship Ann, and send you all the French Prisoners I have at this Port, relying on your returning me any English Prisoners you may have in your hands, and giving me such a Receipt for the Balance that may remain in our Favor as will entitle the Commander in chief of the British Fleet in America to demand the release of the like Number from the French Fleet: I am further to request that the State of the Account of Prisoners between us, may be forwarded to the Compte de Grasse upon the Southern Coast

French Prisoners sent in the Ann to be exchanged for an equal Number of English Prisoners.

I have the Honor to be &c.

A. S. Hamond

To Monsieur La Perouse
Capitaine de Vaisseau or
the Commanding Officer of His
Most christian Majesty's Ships
at Boston

PS — If you should think proper to give the Cartel Authority to go to the Compte de Grasse's Fleet for the return of Prisoners due to the British Fleet — the Master (Mr Barker) has my Directions to obey such an order from you

Should he think it necessary to send the Ann to the Compte de Grasse's Fleet the Master has Orders for that purpose.

Amphitrite

4th November 1787

Sir

The Circumstance of the Revd Mr Fisher & Mr Dennison carrying on an illicit Trade by means of a pass from Mr Bulkeley will be inquired into.

I had the Honor to receive your Letter of Yesterday's Date, and am much obliged to you for communicating your Suspicions that the Revd. Mr. Fisher of Annapolis, and a Mr. Dennison had, in order to carry on an illicit Trade availed themselves of a Pass signed by Mr. Bulkeley, granting them leave for three Months to settle their private Affairs at Boston. I shall not fail to have that Matter inquired into, And have the Honor to be

Sr

A. Hamond

To Captain Biggs
Commander of His Majesty's
Ship Amphitrite

Ordnance Storekeeper.

The Powder to be deposited in the Magazine at Fort Cooke untill the new Magazine is built.

17th November 1787.

Sir

Having had a conversation with the General on the Subject of the intended Magazine to contain the Powder for the Navy, he has given me to understand that the Engineer will have his Directions to set about that work as early in the Spring as the Season will permit, and in the mean time in order to prevent accidents from happening to so large a quantity of Powder as is now lodged in the Schooner lying off the Dock Yard under no Guard, the General concurs with me in opinion that the magazine at Fort Cooke should be

filled

filled with as much of it, as it can contain, and that the remainder be deposited in the guard magazine. I have therefore to desire that you will give directions for its removal accordingly.

I am &c
A. Hamond

To
James Morden Esquire

Government House Nova Scotia
25th November 1781

Sick and Hurt Board.

Gentlemen

In consequence of your Letter to the Secretary of State transmitted to me by Lord Geo: Germain I have given the Subject of Prisoners of war all the attention in my power and have regulated that business in every respect to the best advantage.

The Prisoners victualled from the Contractor for furnishing the Navy at two thirds allowance except Bread which is at whole allowance.

The price of provisions is so exorbitant at Halifax that I found it much cheaper to victual the Prisoners from the Contractor for furnishing the Navy at two thirds allowance than was possible to have done from any private contractor. I have therefore in that article made no other alteration than ordering them to be served full allowance of bread which upon mature consideration I found they could not do without.

As there was no Prison here capable of

containing

containing above 100 Prisoners, whenever there were more than that number occasional Vessels were hired at a great expence to hold them in the Harbour, and the many that were brought in during the month of August made it impracticable to take care of them that way. I therefore hired a proper Transport at a low price and had it compleatly fitted by the Dock Yard as a Prison Ship which is capable of containing 400 Prisoners without being crouded. I should also have fitted a small Vessel for an Hospital Ship for the Prisoners if a commodious Vessel had offered, but for the present I have fitted up an old Store House on the Banks of the River, and put the sick Prisoners under the care of the Surgeons of the Navy Hospital.

A Transport hired and fitted for a Prison Ship.

The sick Prisoners put under the care of the Surgeons of the Hospital in an old Store fitted for their reception.

As to the exchange I have constantly sent the american Prisoners away whenever I had an opportunity, notwithstanding the Balance has been and continues several hundreds in our favor; during the Summer Months however I judged it necessary to keep the enemy's Seamen, as there were a number of Privateers in our Neighbourhood which wanted only for men to enable them to go to sea; now as the cruizing Season is over I am getting rid of them as fast as I can before the winter sets in.

The American very much in debt for Prisoners.

The Prisoners in the Harbour will be sent to Boston when the cruizing Season is over.

Mr Henry Turnbull appointed Agent for Prisoners.

I have thought proper to appoint Mr Henry Turnbull Agent and Superintendant for the Prisoners, and flatter myself from his diligence, assiduity and punctuality in that business he will give as much satisfaction to your board in the discharge of his Duty as he has done to the Prisoners.

I have the Honor to be &c

A. Hamond

To
The Commissioners
for Sick and Hurt Seamen

Vide Adamant
Chas. Wyatt Master
Duplicate
Vide Saint Laurence
John Edmonds Mast.
sailed 28th Novr. 1780.

No 2

Secretary of State.

Government House Halifax
25th November 1780

My Lord

I had the honor to receive your Letter of the 4th October 1780 enclosing one from the Commissioners of Sick and Hurt respecting the care of Prisoners that may happen to be confined in Nova Scotia. I have as far as it was in my power complied with the intentions of that Board, and have arranged the business as well as to the accommodation, diet and exchange of the Prisoners as circumstances would admit. The great number that have been taken and brought in here this Summer has put us to some inconveniences and added perhaps to the expence, but His Majesty's Service has been much benefitted by having kept the rebel Seamen

the intentions of the Sick & Hurt Board will be complied with as far as possible.

The Prisoners detained to prevent the Enemy from fitting out Privateers.

during

during the summer months which has prevented many Privateers from being fitted out from the Massachusets Bay. As the season for privateering is now over I am sending away the Prisoners before the winter sets in, notwithstanding the balance of the account is already many hundreds in our favor.

The Season for privateering being over the Prisoners will be sent to Boston.

I have the Honor to be &c

A. Hamond

To
The Right Honorable
Lord George Germain
One of His Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State &c &c.

The Adamant
Chas. Wyatt Master.
Duplicate
The Saint Laurence
John Edmonds Master
sailed 25th Nov.r 1781.

Secretary of State.

No 3

Government House Halifax
25th November 1781

My Lord.

I beg leave to recommend to your Lordship Mr. Alexander Brymer a resident in this Town as a Gentleman well qualified to be appointed one of His Majesty's Council for this Province

Recommending Alex.r Brymer Esq.r to be one of the Council.

I have the Honor to be

A. Hamond

To
The Right Honorable
Lord George Germain
one of His Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State &c &c

The Adamant
Chas. Wyatt Master.
Duplicate
The Saint Laurence
John Edmonds Master
sailed 25th Nov.r 1781.

Board of Trade

Government House Halifax
25th November 1787.

My Lords.

Recommending Alex. Brymer Esq.r to be one of the Council.

I beg leave to recommend to your Lordships Mr. Alexander Brymer a resident in this Town, as a Gentleman well qualified to be appointed one of His Majesty's Council in this Province.

Mr. Charles Morris appointed chief Surveyor of land in the room of Mr Morris deceased.

Mr. Morris the chief Surveyor of land in Nova Scotia being lately dead, I have appointed his Son Mr. Charles Morris to succeed him, who has been upwards of twenty Years deputy to his Father, and is a Person well qualified for that appointment. I beg leave therefore to recommend him to your Lordships for confirmation.

Inclosed a memorial from the Justices of the County of Halifax.

Inclosed is a memorial from the Justices of the Quarter Sessions for the county of Halifax, which I transmit for your Lordships Perusal, as it respects a case which is now before your Board.

By the Adamant Chas. Wyatt Master

Duplicate By the Adamant Laurence John Edmonds Mas.r sailed 28th Nov.r 1787.

I have the Honor to be &c
A. Hamond

To
The Right Honorable
the Lords Commissioners for
Trade and Plantations

5th December 1787.

Sir

By the Pandora which arrived here last Night, I had the Honor to receive from your

Excellency

Genl. Haldimand at Quebec.	Excellency two Letters dated the 15th and 16th of last month together with Captain Schank's Letter respecting the men belonging to the Jack armed Ship taken out of a cartel at Sea by Captain Douglas of the Chatham.
The four Soldiers of the 31st Regiment will be sent by the Pandora.	As the four Soldiers of the 31st Regiment were left here I have requested Brigadier General Campbell to send them on board the Pandora to be conveyed to their Regiment, but the four Seamen being still on board the Chatham which is sailed for New York, I have written to Captain Douglas to enforce your Excellency's Request that they may be forwarded to Quebec by the Pandora or the first Opportunity
The four Seamen of the Jack on board the Chatham and will be forwarded by the Pandora.	Your Excellency may depend upon hearing from me whenever I have an Intelligence necessary for your Information I have the Honor to be &c To General Haldimand — A. S. Hamonde Quebec
Albion Cartel. Commission and Instructions for Mr.	Commission and Instructions for Mr. William Black Master of the Cartel Sloop the Albion to transport One Hundred american Prisoners to Boston Dated 23rd Decr 1781.
Otter Cartel. Commission and Instructions for Mr.	Commission and Instructions for Mr. Ephraim Hanam Master of the Cartel Brig the Otter to transport One Hundred and twenty american Prisoners to Boston Dated 3rd January 1782

6th January 1782

Secretary of State.

My Lord

The vacancy of an assistant Judge of this Province lately made by the Death of Mr Morris, Richard Gibbons Esq having been accepted by the Attorney General, I have thought proper to name Richard Gibbons Esq the late Solliciter General to act in the Office of Attorney General, whom I beg leave to recommend to your Lordship for confirmation to that appointment.

appointed to act as Attorney Gen in the room of Mr Morris deceased.

Mr Richard John Uniacke appointed to succeed Mr Gibbons as Solicitor General.

Mr Richard John Uniacke having been well recommended from his Abilities and character as a fit person to succeed Mr Gibbons as Solicitor General, I have accordingly appointed him to act in that Office till His Majestys Pleasure is known.

I have the Honor to be &c

A. Hamond

To
The Right Honorable
Lord George Germain
One of His Majestys Principal
Secretaries of State &c &c &c

The Storey & Jane Transport Lieut Aylwed sailed the 8 Jany 1782

Brigr General Campbell

23rd April 1782

Sir

Application will be necessary in the Winter to withdraw the Guard on the Prisoners of war, the Prison Ship has been guarded by Parties from the men of war that happened to be refitting in

be made in a few days for a Guard for the Prison Ship

the Kings Ships being under sailing Orders.

in the Harbour: the Ships are now all under sailing — orders, and will very shortly leave the Port: I shall therefore in a few days be under the necessity of applying to you Sir for a proper Guard to secure the Prisoners.

A Guard Vessel will be fitted & anchored near the Prison Ship.

I have directed a Guard Vessel to be fitted and anchored near the Prison Ship, from whence the Centinels may be posted in her, agreeable to what I understand is the Practice at New York.

I have the Honor to be &c

A S Hamond

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commander of His Majesty's
Forces in Nova Scotia

By &c

Mem.m
Commissary for Prisoners.

It is my direction that you purchase for the use of the wounded and sick French Prisoners ordered to be embarked in the French Cartel Ship L'Equerriel for Boston, two quarters of Fresh Beef taking receipts for the same from the Commander of the said Cartel Ship, and transmitting a vouched account of the purchase thereof to the Commissioners for sick and hurt Seamen

To purchase two quarters of fresh Beef for the sick French Prisoners going in L'Equerriel Cartel for Boston.

Given &c 4th Novem.r 1781

A S Hamond

To
Mr. Henry Turnbull
Agent for Naval Prisoners
of War at Halifax

By &c

Commissary for Prisoners

Whereas it has been represented to me that eleven Prisoners of War escaped from the Prison Ship last night by the connivance of two centinels, who deserted and went with them, carrying off a Boat belonging to Timothy Sullivan, and hired for the use of the said Prison Ship; it is my direction that you pay the said Timothy Sullivan for the Loss of his Boat, at the value the Foreman of His Majesty's careening Yard shall put on her —

To pay Timothy Sullivan for the loss of a Boat run away with by the Prisoners.

Given &c 25th Novemr. 1781

A. Hamond

To
Mr. Henry Turnbull
Agent for Naval Prisoners of War at Halifax

By &c

Commissary for Prisoners

There being a Number of Prisoners of War now in this Harbour, who are destitute of cloathing, as to be unable to resist the inclemency of the present season; It is therefore my directions that you purchase at the cheapest rates some low priced Blankets and Bedding, which you will see distributed among the most necessitous of them: and you are likewise to purchase such Stoves as may be found absolutely necessary, taking care to be furnished with Accounts and Receipts properly vouched for the expences you incur herein

To purchase some Blankets & Bedding to be distributed among the most necessitous of the Prisoners.

Also some Stoves for the use of the Prison Ship

Given &c 12th December 1781

A. Hamond

To
Mr Henry Turnbull
Agent for Naval Prisoners of War at Halifax

Patty Cartel Commission and Instructions for.

Commission and Instructions for Mr. William Denson, Master of the Schooner Patty Cartel about sixty five Tons burthen, to carry Mr. and Miss Higginson, & Family and Mary Barter to Salem in New England

Dated 11th May 1782

Brig.r General Campbell.

Denning a Guard may be placed in the Guard Vessel to the Prison Ship.

The Pandora's Marines now there must be withdrawn the Ship going to Sea.

12 May 1782

Sir

The Prison Ship being at present guarded by a party of Marines from His Majesty's Ship the Pandora, and that Ship being under orders to cruize in the Gulph of Saint Laurence, and now ready to proceed immediately to Sea in execution of that service: I am to desire that you will be pleased to order a Party of Soldiers to be embarked in the Guard Vessel to the Prison Ship to relieve the Pandora's Marines and take in charge the security of the Prisoners

I have the Honor to be &c

A. S. Hamond

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majesty's
Forces in Nova Scotia

13th May 1782

Sir

Agreeable to what you desire in your Letter to me of Yesterday's date, I have given directions for moving the Prison Ship and Guard Vessel to a situation between the eastern Battery and Saint George's Island,

for

Brig.r General Campbell.

for the convenience of the two Corps you have appointed alternately to take in charge the security of the Prisoners. at the same time I beg leave to remark, that the Prison Ship from the returns of her State and Condition — reported weekly to me, appears to be perfectly clean and free from any disease, and to have been so all the winter. She is in every respect fitted in the most commodious manner as well for the convenience of the Prisoners — themselves as for the accommodation of any party of Soldiers that may be ordered on board as a Guard over them. I very much wish the plan you propose of confining the duty of the Troops to the Guard Vessel, and directing them on no account to go on board the Prison Ship, may prove adequate to the retaining the Prisoners in safety. I cannot help expressing my apprehensions in that respect, and I still wish to recommend that the method practiced at New York, of placing Centinels on board the Prison Ship to be relieved from the Guard Vessel be adopted here. Otherwise I am afraid escapes must frequently happen —

The Prison Ship & Guard Vessel will be moved between the Eastern Battery & George's Island.

The Prison Ship clean & free from disease.

The confining the Guard to the Guard Vessel inadequate to retaining the Prisoners in safety. Vid No 17

Wish to adopt the Plan practiced at New York of placing Centinels on board the Prison Ship to be relieved from the Guard Vessel. Vid No 18

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majesty's
Forces in
Nova Scotia

I have the Honor to be
A. S. Hamond

Secretary of State.

15th May 1782

Sir

I have had the honor the 25th of last month to receive your Letter No 1 dated the 28th of February —

The Inhabitants experienced the good Effects of a Naval Force in the Bay of Fundy.

No material occurrance has of late happened in the Province, but the Inhabitants have already experienced the good effects of a naval force in the Bay of Fundy, as two of the Enemy's Privateers have been destroyed there, that came for the purpose of plundering the Country —

The Necessity of building a new Magazine for the Powder.

I beg leave Sir, to point out to you the necessity there is for a Magazine to be built here to contain the Powder which is allotted by the Office of Ordnance for the Navy department, it has been lately in agitation to build one on George's Island, which appears to be the proper place, but Brigadier General Campbell who commands His Majesty's Troops here is now of opinion that he is not authorized to give the Engineer any directions on that head, and the Ordnance Storekeeper informs me, he has no other place to put the Powder expected

The Powder at present kept on board a Vessel in the Harbour without a Guard.

out on board a Vessel in the Harbour, which has been for some time past employed for that purpose; and as there is no Guard on board is attended with the greatest hazard.

I have the honor to be &c

A. S. Mamond

By the Adamant Capt. Wyatt Master

Duplicate by the St Lawrence Edwards Master sailed 18th May 1782

To The Right Honble Wellbore Ellis one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State &c &c &c

By do.a —

Commissary for Prisoners.

You are hereby required and ~~directed not~~ to receive any Prisoners into your charge from any of His Majesty's Ships or Privateers arriving in this Port, without having any order for it, nor are you to discharge or dispose of any but by any particular order.

Not to receive or discharge any Prisoners without an order.

Given do 1st July 1782

A.S. Hamond

To
Mr. Henry Tumbull
Deputy Commissary General
for Naval Prisoners of War
at Halifax

Sir Guy Carleton Kt
at New York.

10th July 1782

I have the honour to enclose to your Excellency a copy of a memorial from the House of Assembly of this Province, setting forth the distresses of the Inhabitants for want of Protection from the incursions of the Enemy: as also another from the Inhabitants of the Town of Lunenburg, who have lately been plundered of all their valuable Effects by the Rebels.

Inclosed a memorial from the House of Assembly setting forth the distresses of the Inhabitants for want of — Protection from the Enemy.

As these memorials describe the exact situation of this province, I beg leave to recommend them to your consideration, and to hope for such relief as it may be in your Power to grant

I have the Honour to be &c

A.S. Hamond

To
His Excellency Sir Guy Carleton
Knight of the Bath &c. &c. &c.

Wm Cornwallis
Capt. Thornbrough
sailed 10 July 1782

Perseverance. Sir — 14 July 1782

I have received your Letter concerning the French Officers taken in the Kings Schooner Le Lorrier by His Majesty's Ship under your command. I have never hitherto given Paroles to Officers to go at large about this Garrison, nor would it be proper to do it, but if the Prisoners you mention can maintain — themselves. I am willing to give them their Paroles to reside in the country at a certain district, making them an Allowance of the Kings ration of Provisions or one shilling per diem in the place of it —

The Officers taken in the Lorrier may have their Paroles with an allowance of 1/ per day each.

To
Captain Lutwidge
Commander of His Majesty's
Ship Perseverance

I am &c
A. S. Hamond

Stanislaus Prison Ship.

By &c.

Having frequently represented to Brigadier General Campbell, commanding His Majesty's Troops in Nova Scotia, the very ineffectual manner in which the Prison Ship in this Harbour is guarded, by which a great number of Prisoners of War have from time to time effected their escape; and he having refused to comply with the applications I have repeatedly made to have Centinels placed on board, from a supposition

Her State and Condition examined by the Captains & Surgeons of the Perseverance Chatham Yard.

of

of her being infected —

You are therefore hereby required and directed to proceed on board the said Prison Ship, taking with you the Surgeons of the respective Ships you command, together with the Surgeon of His Majesty's Naval Hospital, and in the strictest manner enquire and examine into the State and Condition of the same, reporting to me your opinions Whether from her Size and Construction she is a fit Vessel for the Service of a Prison Ship, and whether she be properly fitted for that Service: in what condition you find the Prisoners, whether they have any complaint to prefer on account of their Treatment, and if they are satisfied with the quantity and quality of the Provision served to them: Whether any Sickness prevails among them to give reason to suppose that the Health of Soldiers ordered to do duty on board as Centinels would be thereby endangered: And whether the present mode of guarding the Prison Ship is adequate to the retaining the Prisoners in security

Given &c 19th July 1782

A. S. Hamond

To
The Captains of His
Majesty's Ships Perseverance
Ceres and Chatham

17 July 1782

Brig.r General Sir
Campbell.

I enclose a Letter that has been laid before me by the Commissary of Prisoners from the Master of the Prison Ship. It contains an account of another escape of the Prisoners, and proves the insufficiency of the present mode of securing them, as well as the danger the Ship is liable to of being destroyed. I am therefore Sir, to desire once more that you will take this matter into consideration, when I have no doubt you will see the necessity of posting Centinels on board the Prison Ship from the Guard Vessel which is the practice at New York, without that being done I am of opinion the Prisoners may escape whenever they chuse to attempt it

Enclosed a Letter from the Master of the Prison Ship giving an account of another Escape of Prisoners.

Requesting Centinels may be placed on board the Prison Ship as practiced at New York.

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majesty's
Forces in Nova Scotia

I have the Honour to be &c
A. S. Hamond

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23 January 1782

Sir

I have received your Letter informing me of your intention to withdraw the Guard from the Prison Ship. In consequence of which I will do myself the Honor to wait upon you at any hour you chuse

to

Brig.r General Campbell

to consult upon the mode to be adopted in future for the security of the Prisoners—

I have the Honour to be &c.—
A. S. Hamond

To
Brigadier General Campbell
Commanding His Majesty's
Forces in Nova Scotia

Will wait upon him to consult on the best method of having a Guard placed over the Pris.rs

Sir Andrew saw the General immediately, who told him the only mode he could recommend, was to provide a Guard Vessel to be moored near the Prison Ship, where the Guard might reside, and mount their Centinels on board the Prison Ship, as was the practice he (the General) unsterstood at New York: To this Sir Andrew agreed (as there was no alternative) and informed him that the Season of the Year at present prevented such a Vessel's being provided, but it should be got ready against the Spring, and endeavoured to prevail upon him to let the Guard continue in the Ship untill the Spring, which he refused having already given orders for the Guard to come ashore, which they did and left the Prisoners to themselves—

2nd August 1782

Sir

I have received your directions concerning the Prisoners of War, which shall be punctually attended

to.

Admiral Digby

His directions relative to Prisoners will be complyed with as far as possible—

No Guard can be procured for the Prison Ship.

to as far as lays in my power, but not being able to procure any Centinels to be placed on board the Prison Ship causes such frequent and considerable escapes that it is hardly worth while to attempt confining them. Nor is the escape of the Prisoners the only loss, as they generally seize and carry off Vessels and plunder the Inhabitants along shore which has put the Province to a considerable expence—

The Guard was withdrawn from the Prison Ship from an Idea her being infected.

Her State been examined into & reported to be clean & free from disease.

Some months ago the General thought proper suddenly to withdraw the Guard without waiting to be relieved, upon a report of the Surgeons of the Army that an epidemical distemper prevailed among the Prisoners. The matter was strictly examined into by the Senior Captain in the Harbour, together with the Surgeons of the Navy, whose report was that no such disorder did exist. The only remedy I had (as the Guard was entirely taken away) was to have that duty performed by the Marines from the Ships, which was done untill May last, and when the only Ship in the Harbour was going to sea: I applied again to General Campbell for a Guard, who informed me he would give a Serjeants party for that purpose provided they might be in a Vessel moored near the Prison Ship.

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which is the case at present, the Serjeant having orders, not to allow any of his men on any account whatever to go on board the Prison Ship: I have repeatly solicited the General to allow Centinels to be mounted on the Gunwales of the Ship, but he constantly refuses on pretence that he considers the Ship as infectious: Upon the last escape which happened a few days ago: I renewed my application, and receiving the same answer, I thought it necessary to order the three Senior Captains in the Harbour with their Surgeons to go on board and examine the Prison Ship their report I enclose as the fullest testimony that the Prisoners are treated properly and agreeable to your wishes: I should therefore Sir, be glad you would mention this matter to Sir Guy Carleton in hopes his Excellency will think it necessary to give some Directions concerning it. I have ordered the Deputy Commissary of Prisoners to send to the Commissary at New York Copies of all the Papers that have passed on this matter for your inspection if you should think it necessary to look into them

Number of Prisoners escaped for want of the Guards being placed on board the Prison Ship.

I have the Honor to be &c.

A. S. Hamond

To
Rear Admiral Digby
Commander in chief of his Majestys Ships in North America

The Halifax Packet J. Delworth Mast. sailed 10th Aug 1782

P.S. 3 August. Eighteen more of the Prisoners escaped last Night

17th August 1782

General Haldimand at Quebec.

Sir

I have not a moments time to communicate to you the Information I have just received from New York — "That a French Fleet of thirteen sail of the Line and three Frigates supposed to have three thousand Troops on board are now upon this Coast and imagined to be intended for Boston" —

The French Fleet and imagined to be intended for Boston.

A few days ago they took the Allegiance Sloop of War near George's Bank, which is a confirmation of their being in our Neighbourhood. Admiral Digby writes me word that he has no doubt but our Fleet from the West Indies will soon follow the Enemy —

The Allegiance taken by them.

I have the satisfaction to inform your Excellency that we have just got into this Port a reinforcement of two thousand, one hundred German Troops, so that should the Enemy's designs be against this place I hope and believe we shall give a good account of them

A reinforcement of German Troops arrived.

For all other News I refer you to the New York Paper which I have the Honor to enclose: It contains some matter respecting America, that will I am sure be as unpleasant to you as it is to me and every Well wisher to their Country — I have the honour to be &c.

A. S. Hamond

The Hussar — Capt. Russell sailed 22 Aug. 1782

Lt. General Haldimand
Quebec —

P.S. I had the honour of writing your Excellency and General Clark, a few days ago by a Courier going by land

Dove Cartel.

Commission and Instructions for Mr. William Black, Master of the Cartel Sloop Dove of the Burthen of twenty five Tons or thereabouts to transport twenty american Prisoners to Boston.

Commission and Instructions for her.

Dated 29 August 1782

Major General Paterson.

23rd. September 1782.

Having had the honor to represent to you last night the necessity that appeared to me of mounting a Guard on board the Prison Ship to prevent the continual escape of the Naval Prisoners which has been the case ever since the Guard was removed in January last, and you was pleased to assure me that my desire on that head should be complied with: but finding this morning from the Conversation I have just had the honor of holding with you, that some representations had been made to you to endeavour to prevent your intentions taking place: I have in consequence in addition to what I have already informed you of, sent the Deputy Commissary of Naval Prisoners to acquaint you with every circumstance you may think necessary to be informed of, relating to the assertions made to you by Doctor Marshall; as also

The Deputy Commissary for Prisoners sent to him to explain the reason of the escape of so many Prisoners.

Also to deliver him the necessary Vouchers proving no malignant Distemper exists on board the Prison Ship.

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to deliver to you the original report of three Captains of the Navy, their Surgeons and the Surgeon of the Naval Hospital, upon an examination into the State of the Prison Ship, taken for the information of His Excellency Rear Admiral Digby—

I flatter myself, Sir as an Officer I have too much credit with you, to be suspected of making an improper representation of any part of His Majesty's Service committed to my care and therefore I am again to request you will be pleased to order a Guard to do duty on board the Prison Ship—

Requesting a Guard may do duty on board the Prison Ship.

I have the Honor to be &c.a—
A. S. Hamond

To
Major General Paterson
Commanding His Majesty's Forces in Nova Scotia

Secretary of State.

Requesting he will solicit His Majesty's Permission to resign the Office of Lieut. Governor of Nova Scotia.

The Adamant sailed 30 Octr 1782

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Sir

I beg the favor of you to present me with all possible respect and humility to the King, and to solicit that His Majesty will be pleased to accept of my resignation of the Office of Lieutenant Governor of this Province, where my services can be no longer useful—

I have the honor to be &c.a
A. S. Hamond

To
The Right Hon.ble Jno.n Townsend
one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State &c.a &c.a

9th October 1782

Secretary of State.

My Lord

Governor Parr arrived and entered upon the administration of the Province

A few days after the receipt of your Lordship's Letter, dated the 8th of July, informing me of the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel Parr to be Governor of Nova Scotia, that Gentleman arrived here: and having delivered up to him the administration of the Affairs of the Province, as well as having furnished him with all the information I was possessed of respecting it,

Withdrawn himself from the Duty of Lieut Governor.

I withdrew myself from the Office of Lieutenant Governor. I accepted of that appointment, my Lord, on the strongest assurances of succeeding to the Government, and I am free to own to your Lordship my regret at being thus so suddenly and unexpectedly removed, as it carries with it an appearance of being the consequence of His Majesty's disapprobation of my conduct, a consideration which indeed greatly lessens the satisfaction I should otherwise have felt from the publick testimonies I have received of the approbation of the Inhabitants of this Province

The Adamant with the measures of my Administration

I have the Honor to be &c

A. Hamond

Char. Myatt Mar. sailed 31 Octr 1782

The Right Honble the Earl of Shelburne, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State &c &c

Commissary for Prisoners.

By Hx.

Having had frequent representations made to me from the Prisoners of War confined in this Harbour of the insufficiency of the proportion of Provisions issued to them for their subsistance praying relief therein, and that I would order the daily allowance of Bread to be increased from two thirds of a pound to a whole pound per man.

To victual the Prisoners at two thirds allowance of Provisions except Bread, of which they are to have full allowance.

You are therefore hereby required and directed to victual the Prisoners of War now here or that may hereafter be brought into this Harbour at two thirds allowance of every Species of Provisions according to the Naval Establishment except Bread of which you are to supply each Prisoner with one full pound per day and continue to do so untill otherwise directed—

Given Hx. 10th Augt 1781

A. Hamond

To
Mr. Henry Turnbull
Deputy Commissary
for Naval Prisoners
at Halifax

By Sa.

Commissary for Prisoners.

To victual all cartels at whole allowance of Bread & two thirds of every other species of Provisions.

Having directed that the Prisoners of War confined in this Harbour be victualled at two thirds allowance of every species of Provisions except of Bread of which each Prisoner is to be supplied with one full pound per day: You are hereby required and directed to victual all Cartels from the date hereof with Provisions in the like Proportion, and to continue to do so untill otherwise directed

Given &c. 19th Septr 1781

A. S. Hamond

To
Mr. Henry Turnbull
Deputy Commissary
for Naval Prisoners at Halifax

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